

Navajo Nation Grazing Committee Executive Board

Challenges in Enforcing Grazing Laws



***Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee Public Meeting
Fire Rock Casino, Church Rock ,New Mexico
July 14, 2012***

DGCM Executive Board

Wilbert Ben Lee, Chairperson (Northern)

Eugene Tso, Vice Chairperson (Chinle)


Leslie Williams, Secretary (NPL)

Calvin Begay, Member (Western)

Willis Nez, Member (Ft. Defiance)



Duties and Responsibilities

- ***Livestock Inventories, and follow ups .***
 - ***Livestock vaccinations and Branding.***
 - ***Range, windmill , spring, and earthen dam assessments***
 - ***Range dispute resolution.***
 - ***Investigate trespass and disputes.***
 - ***Homesite lease Field clearances.***
 - ***Land withdrawal field clearances.***
 - ***Easement and rights of way field clearances.***
 - ***Recommend grazing permit transfers.***
 - ***Recommend Land use permit issuance and transfers.***
 - ***Recommend probates on grazing permits and LUP's.***
 - ***Monthly Grazing Meetings for Permittees and Land users.***
 - ***Monthly Agency Grazing Meetings for Agency issues.***
 - ***Monthly Planning Meetings.***
 - ***Monthly Chapter Meetings.***
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Navajo Nation
16,363,837.91 Acres

Northern Agency ***2,695,089.46 Ac.*** ***20 Members***

134,754.473 Acres / member

Western Agency ***6,032,083.16 Ac.*** ***18 Members***

335,115.73 Acres / Member

Chinle Agency ***2,272,932 Ac.*** ***14 Members***

162,352.29 Acres / Member

Fort Defiance Agency ***3,596,672.71 Ac.*** ***26 Members***

138,333.57 Acres / Member

Easter Navajo Agency ***2,267,540.58 Ac.*** ***20 Members***

113,377.03 Acres / Member



Funding Challenges

(Grazing Officials are not fully funded at the beginning of every fiscal Year)

Bi-weekly stipend (twice a month)	\$339.78
District Grazing Meeting	0
Agency Grazing Meeting	0
Agency Council Meeting	0
Chapter Planning Meeting	0
Monthly Chapter Meeting	0
Mileage	0
Annual (\$339.78 x 24)	\$8,154.72

Breakdown by Acreage compared to Budget

<i>Average Acreage of a Western Agency Chapter</i>	<i>335,115.73 Acres.</i>
<i>Annual Compensation</i>	<i>\$8,154.72</i>
<i>Compensation per acre / year</i>	<i>\$0.024</i>

Breakdown by hours


<i>Annual Compensation</i>	<i>\$8,154.72</i>
<i>8 hours /5 days</i>	<i>\$4.25</i>
<i>10 hours/5days</i>	<i>\$3.40</i>

Grazing Officials work on weekends and holidays



2012 supplemental Appropriations

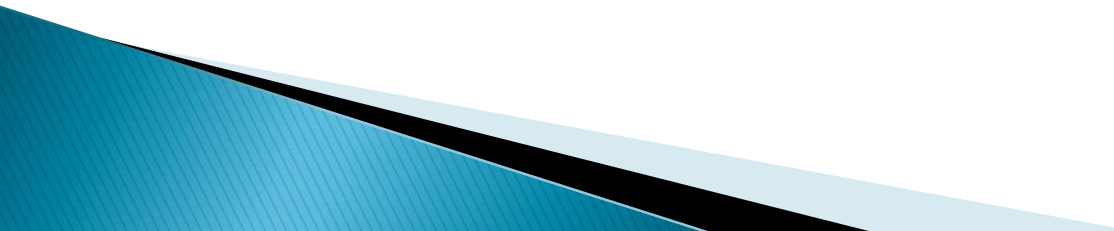
<i>Chapter Planning Meeting</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>
<i>Regular Chapter Meetings</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>
<i>Agency Council Meetings</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>
<i>District Council Meetings</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>

- *Some Agencies do not have District Councils and funds are lost or or carried over.*
 - *DGCM's, ENLB's and Farm Boards had no funding to attend meetings the first half of the year resulting in carryovers.*
 - *Supplemental Funding still does not include mileage or Bi-Weekly Stipend, Officials continue to use their own funds for Day to Day Operations.*
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History of Bi-weekly and mileage funding

	<u><i>Bi-weekly</i></u>	<u><i>Mileage</i></u>
<i>2003</i>	<i>\$511.80</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>2004</i>	<i>\$400.00</i>	<i>\$111.80</i>
<i>2005</i>	<i>\$400.00</i>	<i>\$111.80</i>
<i>2006</i>	<i>\$400.00</i>	<i>\$95.21</i>
<i>2007</i>	<i>\$396.16</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>2008</i>	<i>\$395.06</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>2009</i>	<i>\$394.90</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>2010</i>	<i>\$396.97</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>2011</i>	<i>\$339.96</i>	<i>\$0</i>

Solutions

- *Funding at local chapters.*
 - *Full funding according to the Plan of Operation.*
 - *Accountability to Chapter and constituents.*
 - *Establish a Grazing Management Department under DNR.*
 - *Grazing Committee establishment under Title 26.*
 - *Funding for equipment and operations.*
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Illegal Dumping



Solution

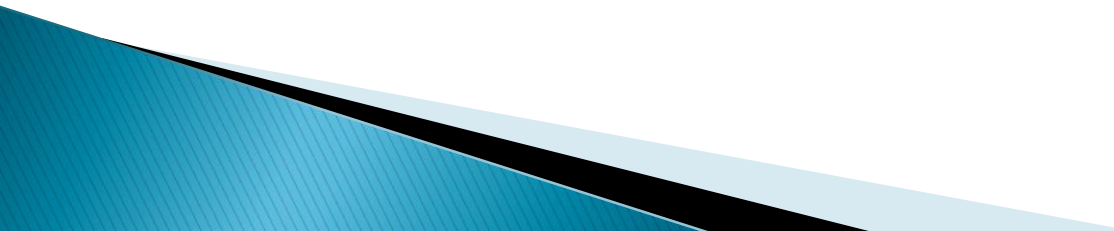
Establish a Regional Land Fill and Recycling Centers

Illegal Development

Rodeo Arenas, Dance Halls, Bingo Halls, Mobile Homes, and Ceremonial Grounds



Solutions

- *Increase fines for illegal developers.*
 - *Require Homesite lease on importation of mobile homes.*
 - *Cancel permits to those that develop on cultivated lands.*
 - *Business site leases on Bingo Halls, Arenas, and auto shops.*
 - *Mandatory education for HSL applicants at grazing meetings.*
 - *Mandatory fencing of Homesite Leases.*
 - *No corrals outside of homesite lease without a Grazing Permit.*
 - *Designate areas for ceremonial grounds.*
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Overpopulation of Feral Horses



Solution

*Declaration of a State of Emergency,
and allow the use of Emergency funds for Round-ups*



Support for reservation wide feral horse round-ups



Voluntary Horse Sales



Water Shortages



Non compliance




Solution

- *Treat livestock inventory / citation as a legal citation*
- *Establish a court system for natural resources*
- *Enforcement of Title III on Rodeo Stock*
- *No compliance – no consent on development and RMU*

Livestock in Rights of ways



Solutions

- *Mandatory Rights of ways For all Road Development.*
 - *Turn all State Routes over to NDOT.*
 - *Fund our Deputy Livestock Inspectors to seize animals.*
 - *Brush and weed control along all improved roads.*
 - *Warning signs on open range.*
 - *No gates on state Highways.*
 - *Frontage Roads to limit turnouts, and school bus safety.*
 - *Demand schedules of road maintenance.*
 - *Specifications on fencing, range fence no barbwires.*
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Questions?

Thank You

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